to pleaſe—muſt find their enjoyments, their happineſs, in pleaſure! It is a trite, yet true remark, that we never do any thing well, unleſs we love it for its own ſake.

Suppoſing, however, for a moment, that women were, in ſome future revolution of time, to become, what I ſincerely wiſh them to be, even love would acquire more ſerious dignity, and be purified in its own fires; and virtue giving true delicacy to their affections, they would turn with diſguſt from a rake. Reaſoning then, as well as feeling, the only province of woman, at preſent, they might eaſily guard againſt exteriour graces, and quickly learn to deſpiſe the ſenſibility that had been excited and hackneyed in the ways of women, whoſe trade was vice; and allurements, wanton airs. They would recollect that the flame, one muſt uſe appropriated expreſſions, which they wiſhed to light up, had been exhauſted by luſt, and that the ſated appetite loſing all reliſh for pure and ſimple pleaſures, could only be rouſed by licentious arts or variety. What ſatisfaction could a woman of delicacy promiſe herſelf in a union with ſuch a man, when the very artleſſneſs of her affection might

might appear inſipid? Thus does Dryden deſcribe the ſituation,

——'Where love is duty, on the female ſide,
'On theirs mere ſenſual guſt, and ſought with ſurly pride.'

But one grand truth women have yet to learn, though much it imports them to act accordingly. In the choice of a huſband, they ſhould not be led aſtray by the qualities of a lover—for a lover the huſband, even ſuppoſing him to be wiſe and virtuous, cannot long remain.

Were women more rationally educated, could they take a more comprehenſive view of things, they would be contented to love but once in their lives; and after marriage calmly let paſſion ſubſide into friendſhip—into that tender intimacy, which is the beſt refuge from care; yet is built on ſuch pure, ſtill affections, that idle jealouſies would not be allowed to diſturb the diſcharge of the ſober duties of life, nor to engroſs the thoughts that ought to be otherwiſe employed. This is a ſtate in which many men live; but few, very few women. And the difference may eaſily be accounted for, without recurring to a ſexual character. Men, for whom we are told women